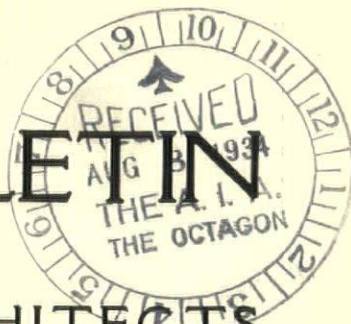


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PROBLEMS BEFORE THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

By HERBERT G. WENZELL

Editor's Note:—Mr. Wenzell as member of the Committee on Professional Practice for the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, as well as member of their Publicity Committee, has prepared a series of articles bearing on architectural practice as he views it today. The fourth in this series has to do with Registration for Architects and is printed herewith.

Registration for Architects

Again it may be asked—Why bring up that subject? Who would wish, during the past three years and considering the gloomy prospect of the architect, to apply for the title?

"Believe it or not" some twenty aspirants took the State Board examination in design last May! This may be significant of other things than the desire to augment the ranks. My guess is that the legal status of "architect" has a value other than that pertaining directly to the independent practice of architecture. There is a decided indication that

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industrial and other corporations find it desirable to enlist registered architects as employees in their organizations. The man with architectural training is qualified in many ways to be of service in the capital goods industries—having the legal status as "architect" is a desirable asset to such a man.

While this is not the principal reason, it is yet one which forcibly calls for high standards of qualification for registration. The name of "architect" should have a real meaning. It must have a significance that cannot be questioned. We are all architects and as such, it must be that we all desire that the name "architect" shall mean competency and high standards wherever it is used.

To this end I am convinced that the ultimate and final test of ability should be the State Board examinations, and that, without exception, every applicant should be required to pass them on an equal

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DON'T MISS THIS

The Ann Arbor Society of Architects have invited all members of the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. and the Michigan Society of Architects to attend a stag party Friday afternoon and evening, August 24.

The party is for our pleasure and also for the expressed purpose of creating closer friendships among the architects of both cities.

The Ann Arbor Society of Architects are assuming the larger portion of the expense and the charge for each visiting architect will be only \$1.00 including everything.

We will be entertained at one of the Country Clubs where we can shoot a few golfs, bat in some home runs and possibly exhibit our proficiency at the jack knife and swan dives. A dinner will be served and the evening may be spent over Refreshments and reminiscences of the last depression.

The formal acceptance of this generous invitation depends upon the response received by our members during the next week. Officers of the Detroit organizations do not wish to accept and then find that only a corporal's guard are able to attend.

We must notify Paul Kasurin, of the Ann Arbor Society, early so he can make reservations.

A one cent postal card, a letter or a phone call to Arthur K. Hyde, 318 Woodward-Boulevard Building, MADison 1522 will make your reservation. DO IT NOW.

More details as to exact time will appear later. Transportation from Ann Arbor to the Country Club, for those not driving, will be provided by the A. A. Society of Architects.

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Credit Structure

The story of credit relations in the building industry is starting a new chapter.

You know the weaknesses and the crimes of the 1919-1929 decade. Credits in the old boom became a mess. You have also heard the "bunkum" about those old days when everybody was honest—1492-1493. As a matter of fact there never were any "good old days." Fifty years ago there was just as much unwise extension of credit in proportion to business done as there is today.

Of course you are vividly aware of the chapter which some of you will not agree with me when I say it is closed—the chapter of paralysis.

I hold that chapter is over. I hold that every firm now should be on its way in the new chapter of WISE CREDIT STRUCTURE. Am I a theoretical optimist? Well, anyway, no one can refute the statement which follows: NEITHER CODES NOR GOVERNMENT AID SHOULD BLIND US TO THE STERN FACT THAT EVERY BUSINESS FIRM MUST PADDLE IS OWN CANOE. IT MUST BE RUN WITH MORE DISCRETION THAN EVER BEFORE AND ONE OF THE PRIME USES FOR DISCRETION LIES WITH THE CREDIT MANAGER.

Nothing can take the place of individual common sense in the granting of credits. You cannot make laws or rules on the subject which will stick. It is true however that there can be organized cooperation on the subject which is bound to be materially helpful.

But in the long run the brain of some man in your organization must make a decision in each individual case. The brain which does this should be well balanced, and should be backed by proper and certain information. The distribution of accurate, complete credit information is a matter which can be written in volumes.

The Builders' and Traders' Exchange has from time beyond exact date of memory supplied its members with credit information.

We do not collect this information ourselves, but we have recently entered into contract for such information as will be better than in the past.

Like all the activities of the Exchange where it is possible, we charge to only those who use the service. Any member can obtain a rating from us free. A complete report costs a moderate sum considering its value.

The same courtesy we extend to our members has always been extended to architects but many architects we find do not know about this. Therefore to the architects of Michigan we call attention

to this service—identically the same to them as to our members. The same applies to engineers, but of course does not apply to non-members of the building industry.

Where there is sufficient volume of credit reports desired by any business to warrant subscribing to any credit service we recommend such subscription rather than doing the business through us. For one thing, we do not make a penny of profit and on that which you do not make a profit you are bound to lose. We do not even charge any overhead so we are certain of losing our labor. But we are here to serve the industry and we do it most cheerfully.

Now suppose a firm estimates it will use many less reports in a given time than the minimum number it can take from a credit agency. In that case the firm can save materially by getting its reports through the Builders' and Traders' Exchange. Some of our members save their entire dues in a year's time.

That is our contribution to the matter of credits. We do not pose as a credit association because that is a specialized effort which cannot be successfully compounded with any other association effort. It has been tried many times and has always crashed.

Golf August 14

The Architects and Builders' and Traders' joint golf outing takes place at Tam O'Shanter, Tuesday, August 14. Bill Seeley promises the best outing so far this year and hopes to have a big crowd out. The charge including golf, dinner and prizes is \$2.00. Come out and lock horns with the industry in a contest in which to my belief the darndest awkward utensils are used which man ever devised. If a man can play golf and end with one of those nice low scores, he certainly can do most anything. Some day some one is going to make up a set of clubs which will do what an ordinary mortal wants them to do.

The trouble with the game as it is played today is that you make an honest attempt to smash the heck out of that ball and for some reason all you hit is the air. The pill has an absolute affinity for water. In all my years, I have never got one past a foot wide stream. Well, anyway, come on out, you do not need to fear getting the low score as long as Bill, Donald, George and some fortunate others play and you never need fear the high score as long as a couple of Ed's I know and a Tom thrown in play. Then too there is always the nineteenth hole where we discuss such things as "What would construction be without a chisel."

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Moral; Don't look to slum clearance as a means of providing quick employment in times of stress. It should be put on a permanent, full time basis, so to speak, and not be regarded as a stop-gap.

G. Frank Corder

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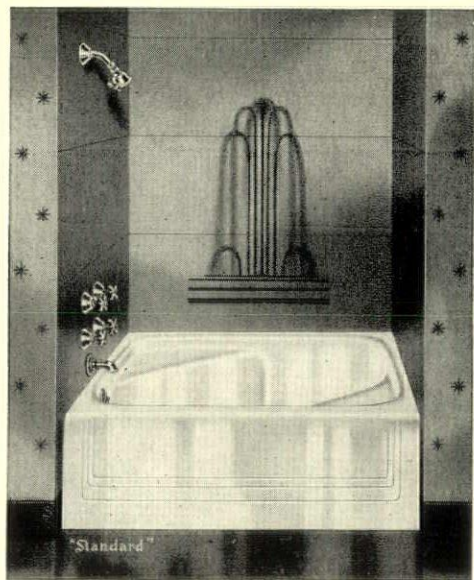
basis. These examinations require preparation—certainly. It is also certain that no man unprepared for them has the right to use the name. The law has been in effect for a sufficient length of time to have eliminated the "exceptions." Surely exceptions set a precedent and it is difficult enough for boards and committees to avoid criticism and in all cases of exceptions that criticism is certain whether justifiable or not.

I am almost convinced that high standards for registration will eventually lead to legislation of immense importance to the average architect. I believe that in the not too distant future our Codes, national or municipal, will stipulate the requirement of the services of architects on all classes of buildings in excess of \$5,000. Aside from self-interest on the part of the architect such legislation will have a bearing on the national economy. The hazards of building are not all of a structural

character, which are taken care of by inspection through departments of buildings. The greatest hazards are economic and these are never eliminated by departmental authority. They are the result of faulty diagnosis and bad planning. The results are self-evident in a large proportion of the structures erected in this country. The result has been and continues to be an economic loss which in dollars must represent an enormous sum. The condition is apparent and the remedy obvious. Yet certainly the remedy will not and cannot be applied until State laws in regard to registration become more uniform as to requirements and requirements be such as to absolutely guarantee the maximum of competency. Again, it is all largely a matter of cooperation.

The ability to plan and in a larger sense to design is the especial and peculiar function of the architect. He may be an engineer, a builder or a technical expert in any one or many branches of the building trade yet without the ability to design he is not an architect. The entire range of economic hazards is due to the inability to design.

A misconception exists among those who are not qualified that design has to do with appearance—that design problems of the State Board are judged to a great extent upon this quality. While it seems ridiculous to attempt to correct this impression, it is here presented as one of the criticisms of the judges of these problems by a few who have been disqualified. It is perhaps unfortunate for them, yet it is true that in design the architect displays his particular ability and talent. That ability, aside from the aesthetic, is exhibited when certain happy results are obtained by the juggling of three dimensional space. The facility for doing this is seldom acquired; it is indicative of a certain talent which can, however, be improved by training. It is much the same as golf.—Some can and some cannot



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The party will consist of Sir Raymond Unwin, past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, past President of the Town Planning Institute, past president of the International Federation of Housing and Town Planning and the recipient of many other honors in architecture and town planning; Mr. Ernest Kahn, formerly manager of the Municipal Housing of the city of Frankfurt a-M. Germany; Miss Samuel, a member of the British Society of Housing Estate Managers; Ernest J. Bohn, president of the National Association of Housing Officials, former member of the Ohio Legislature, chairman of the Committee on Housing and Slum Clearance of the Cleveland City Council; Henry Wright, well known American site planner, planner of Sunnyside Gardens, N. Y., of Radburn, N. J., of Chatham Village at Pittsburgh, Penna., member of the American Institute of Architects Committee on Site Planning and Housing, member of the American City Planning Institute, writer, lecturer, and teacher. His pen and precept have had greater influence than any other in shaping housing trends in this country in recent years.

Walter H. Blucher, secretary-City Planner, of the Detroit City Plan Commission, has been appointed by the National Association of Housing Officials to organize the program for the visitors and is enlisting the aid of the architectural and other civic organizations of Detroit.

The N. A. H. O. is sponsoring the nation-wide visit in order that we in America may benefit from the experience of Europe.

More about the program in the next issue.

PROGRESS

All censure to the contrary, the P. W. A. has completed a housing project and it is now being occupied. True, it is a small one but it represents all the steps and phases of the larger ones and, unlike them, found few obstacles and was completed ahead of time.

The project is at Alta Vista, on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, and was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of that town, which found itself with two booming local industries and insufficient housing for the growing number of workers. Also, what there was, was very badly overcrowded and very poor.

The Chamber of Commerce raised \$16,000 by the sale of stock in a limited dividend corporation to citizens and the P. W. A. loaned \$84,000.

The project consists of fifty small, one family houses, on three square blocks of property overlooking a municipal playground and a small lake. Four types of homes were built and the average lot size was 54' x 140'. Each house has a large living room, kitchen, two bed rooms and a bath. The rents are very moderate, the charge for corner houses being \$20 per month and for inside houses \$16. The houses are all of frame, with siding paint-

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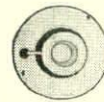
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Same.—Enlarging private dining room and bar for Commodore Club, 72 Peterboro. Work under way.

Bennett and Straight, 13526 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, OR. 7750.—Taking bids on modernizing theatre. New front, interior, wiring system, owner and location withheld. \$15,000.

Same.—Preparing plans for kitchen addition to beer garden, Hamilton between Seward and Virginia Park.

DesRosiers, Arthur, 1414 Macabees Bldg., CO. 2178.—General contract for St. Joachim's Church let to Fred F. Henige Co., 4890 Schlaff Rd., Dearborn.

Dise, J. Ivan, 2631 Woodward, CA. 4789.—Taking bids on alteration to Brossy Bldg., 2 story, Woodward and Warren Aves.

Harley & Ellington, 1507 Stroh Bldg., RA. 9030.—Stroh Brewing Co. 5 story fire proof structural steel and masonry stock house. 2 basements, glass enamel steel tanks, refrigeration and insulation. Size 120'x100'. Taking bids on structural steel.

Herman, Aloys Frank, 710 Owen Bldg., RA. 8788.—St. Joseph's Church, Tiffin, Ohio. Seats 900. All contracts placed with Tiffin, Ohio firms. Plans ready about August 15th.

Kahn, Albert, Inc., MA. 7200.—Taking bids on electrical work and industrial piping on addition to machine shop at plant of Chevrolet Motor Co.

Krecki, Nerman, 1490 Holden, MA. 2980.—General contract let to Kreighoff Co.; Plumbing and heating, Glanz and Gillian; Electrical Work, McDonald Smith Electric Co.

Hyde, Arthur K., 318 Woodward-Boulevard Bldg., MA. 1522.—Taking revised figures on Theatre, Gd. River and Fullerton.

Kuni, Wm. H. Inc., 1012 Frances Palms Bldg., CA. 8550.—Preparing plans for four six-room residences, one in Ypsilanti, three in Detroit. Some under construction, others taking bids.

Same.—Alpena County Court House. Contract let to Weber Construction Co. Mechanical—O. Srient, Alpena; Electrical—Hamill Electric Co., Detroit; Wood equipment—Monroe Bendroot Co.; Metal—Art Metal Co.

Lane-Davenport, Inc., 609 Donovan Bldg., CH. 6747.—Galein High School. 12 story brick, stone, steel construction. 120 x 95. 12 rooms, auditorium and gymnasium. Ell shaped building. Plans ready in about 30 days.

Marr, Richard, 415 Brainard, TE. 1-6860.—Residence at Holly, Mich. 28' x 55'. 8 rooms, brick, shingle roof, steam heat, electric refrigeration. Preparing plans.

Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 30' x 70'. 10 rooms. Frame construction, no basement. Electric refrigeration, electric stove, no heating. Taking figures.

Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 50 x 65, 1½ stories. Plans in progress.

Mueller, G. A., 1346 Broadway, RA. 3763.—American Malt Co. Foundation plans, reinforced brick construction. Capacity is 1,000,000 bu. per year. Can be increased to 1,750,000 bu. per year. Preparing plans.

Same.—Voight Brewing Co. New brew house, 4 stories, steel and brick construction. Plans ready August 2nd.

Phelps, Charles L., 829 Detroit Savings Bank Bldg., CA. 0306.—Alterations to Detroit Savings Bank Branch Office at Woodward and Brady. Sibe 26' x 115'. 3 stories. Stone, steel, reinforced concrete,

floor slabs, brick, hollow tile, steel and marble. Patrons of the Detroit Savings Bank are invited to bid.

Same.—Alterations and additions to school building, 622 Macomb Street. Greek Parochial School. Offices and toilet rooms for girls and boys. Brick, concrete and stone. Terrazzo floors. Metal stall partitions, tile walls. Plans ready about July 23.

Rosetti, Louis, 606 Marquette Bldg., CA. 3353.—Residence 42 x 32, two story and basement, 7 room. Electric refrigeration, electric stoves, air conditioning heating plant. Owner taking bids by invitation only.

Wright, D. Allen, 133 West Grand Blvd., LA. 4572.—Residence in Bloomfield Hills, U shaped. Size 110' x 50'. Solid masonry, all partitions masonry, all floors reinforced concrete, tile roof, electric refrigeration, electric stove and air conditioned heating system. Preparing plans.

George L. Harvey is mayor of Port Huron and Gus O'Dell is a judge. With architects getting into public service like that maybe one of them will become governor and thus be able to promote an understanding of architecture.

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This matter of design is mentioned here because it is the stumbling block of the greater number of those who aspire to become architects without the proper preparation and self-analysis. Because but few of the designs submitted in any one State Board examination are above average it has, I feel convinced, been the tendency of juries to be lenient rather than otherwise. Yet regardless of all other qualifications this one is "it."

Finally I feel certain that eventually most of the States will require, as the first step for eligibility and preliminary to examination, a diploma from a recognized university. This will eliminate most of the difficulties with which State Boards have to contend. In New York State this requirement will be in effect, I understand, in 1937. When it is general, architecture will take its rightful place with law and medicine as a profession.

THE VILLAGE OF LONELY WOMEN

The village of Galichnik, in the mountains between Albania and Yugoslavia, is a village of grass widows for 11 months of every year. The men—expert masons, stonecutters, woodcarvers and the like—are at work throughout the world. They have labored on the palaces of Versailles, the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Vienna, the great hotels facing the Bay of Naples, the colossal Dnieperstroi in Russia, the Empire State Building and Radio City in Manhattan.

While the men are away, the women take care of the hundred-odd homes and the children. They spin and weave woolen fabrics for their picturesque costumes. Another traditional duty is to keep themselves lovely, in order to bring back their men from the lures of the world.

Back the men do come, in July—yearly for those

near at hand, once every two or three years for those distant, as in America. And there is a climax of feasting and gayety. There is also a climax within the climax—the communal wedding day, July 12th, when all the couples to be married that year are wedded simultaneously. With the result that nine months later anywhere from 50 to 80 babies are born in the village in the same week, anywhere from five to ten a day, babies that their fathers will not see until they come home the next summer. That is how life goes on in Galichnik.—Louis Adamic, *The Native's Return*.

In a book of Claude Bragdon's the other evening I found a corking sermon in the proverbial nutshell. It read:

"Once there were two little balls living together in a fine mahogany box; one of them was made of solid gold and the other of wood gilded to look like gold. The gilded one was carefully folded in cotton wool and kept itself perfectly quiet in one corner, while the gold ball rolled around just as it pleased. The gilded ball, scandalized by such behavior, said to the gold ball, 'Why do you carry on like that? How can you be so wicked? You'll rub it off?!' To which the gold ball answered: 'Rub what off?'"—O. O. McIntyre.

BIRTHDAY—Fred Smith, August 11th.

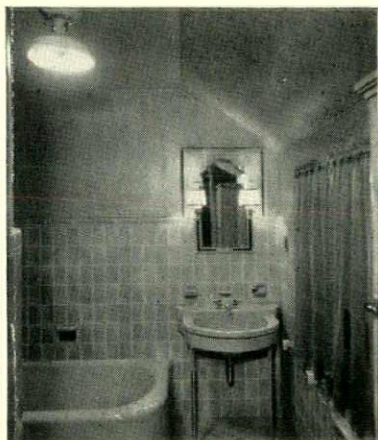
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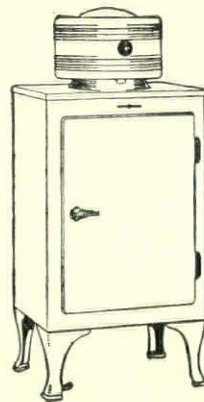
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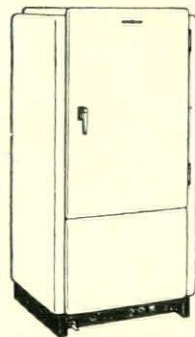
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By HERBERT G. WENZELL

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"Dignity" of the Profession

After perusal of the June issue of the "Octagon" which has just come to hand, any discussion or consideration of any subject having to do with the "dignity" of the profession seems futile.

Every architect who still requires a sharp upper cut to the jaw to lay him out cold, or who is bewildered but yet not quite paralyzed, or who believes the armor of his pride is altogether impenetrable should read the following report of the U. S. Treasury Department's reversal of its decision to employ private architects.

Architects' Luncheon

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Tuesday, August 14th, 12:30 p. m.

Certainly the considerations which have influenced the Treasury will become known. In the meantime the competency, good faith and loyalty of the profession are in question. And it appears as a serious indictment.

The following is the report of Ernest John Russell, president of the Institute, as it appeared in the "Octagon":

Treasury Department Reverses Itself

In the April number of The Octagon announcement was made of a decision by the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, that in the future it would, as a general rule, employ private architects to design the larger post office buildings, with the reservation that in the smaller communi-

ties, involving contracts at \$60,000 or below, the Division would continue to prepare the plans.

In June, the Procurement Division, in all good faith, began the work of selecting competent private architects for appointment in many cities. But on the afternoon of June 29th, apparently without advance notice or consultation, the Division received a sweeping order, presumably from the Secretary of the Treasury, that hereafter no private architects are to be employed as such by the Procurement Division for the performance of architectural services under the Post Office Building program in charge of the Treasury Department.

On the morning of June 30th a representative of the Institute called upon Admiral Peoples, Chief of the Division, and upon his Assistant, Mr. Reynolds. They confirmed the order and stated that any appeal therefrom should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury.

An effort was made to confer with Mr. Morgenthau, but without success, as he was about to leave the city for an extended trip.

Thereupon, the case was taken to the White House, and submitted to Mr. McIntyre, one of the President's secretaries, in a memorandum of protest and request for modification of the order, under date of June 30th.

Through the kindness of Mr. McIntyre this memorandum was placed before the President, and was read by him prior to his departure from Washington.

His reported comment was to the effect that he was aware of the conditions affecting the architectural profession, and that it was his desire that the

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Regional Labor Hearing

The first regional hearing complying with Article 3, Section 1, of the Code of Fair Competition for the Construction Industry will be held by the Electrical Contractors Division in the Detroit Trade Area, August 16th, at 10 A. M., at Room 404, of the Federal Building, Detroit.

This according to Article 3, is a meeting of truly representative associations or groups of employers and employees respectively concerned and the purpose of the meeting will be to establish by mutual agreement, later to be approved by the President, the standards of hours of labor, rates of pay and such other conditions of employment relating to occupations or types of operations in such division or subdivision as may be necessary to effectuate the policy of Title 1 of the Act.

Considerable interest is being evinced about this meeting and it is quite likely that the S. R. O. sign will be out. Mr. Daugherty of Washington will be present. This meeting is an open meeting.

Not only are the electrical contractors the first to hold in this area a regional meeting to tackle the wage and related problems, but they have also been the first division to put certain other features of the code into operation.

Specifically they were the first division to put into effect an official bid depository. As most men in the industry know there was an attempt made to start a bid depository in all the trades beginning as of April 9, but the machinery of the codes was not sufficiently set up to make the depository enforceable and workable.

The Detroit Electrical Contractors' Association, however, kept their depository in full operation, not as a code function but as an association function until such time as the code provisions for a depository should have been completed. They maintained their depository at the Builders' and Traders' Exchange and by the time the code depository was ready to begin operations, they had piled up much valuable experience relating to depositories, and consequent tabulation of bids.

The official depository for the Detroit Area of the Electrical Contractors' Division then went into effect approximately the first of June and it has been operating effectively since.

The Builders' and Traders' Exchange, 439 Penobscot Building, Detroit, is the bid depository for the Detroit Trade Area which includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties.

H. O. L. C. Contractors

Members of the Builders' and Traders' Exchange figuring H. O. L. C. contracts directly held a meeting, Wednesday, August 8 and drew up a program which will materially help the contractor who is qualified for this work. Forty men were present at the meeting and practically every man contributed to the suggestions the results of some of which will appear before the middle part of next week.

From time to time as called these meetings will occur. The H. O. L. C. work is daily becoming more of a job for real honest to goodness qualified contractors which is as it should be.

The Last Call

Tuesday, August 14—don't forget it. That is the day every architect, builder and trader who plays golf or at golf should trek out to Tam-O-Shanter and join in the big outing. There will be good prizes, lots to eat, plenty of holes of golf, and a fine crowd is already assured. We want to make an appointment right now for you to meet Bill Seeley, our golf chairman, and all the rest of the bunch on August 14. The total grief for the total joy is \$2.00.

"ONLY THE TEMPORARY ENDURES"

The famous Trocadero in Paris is slated for the junk pile. Renowned for years as one of the ugliest public buildings in Europe, it was erected for the Paris exposition of 1878 as a permanent monument to architectural taste. Whereas the Eiffel Tower, just across the river, put up for the exposition of 1889 and consigned at the time an "esthetic atrocity" to be torn down with the passing of the exposition, is now discovered by architects to have a "peculiar esthetic charm"—confirmation of the French proverb that "only the temporary endures." Incidentally, the Eiffel Tower, long a wireless station, now has a giant illuminated thermometer, 984 feet high, whereby the surface temperature of Paris may be read at night for miles around.—The Literary Digest.

Announcement has been made of the dissolution of the firm of Malcomson, Higginbotham & Trout. The firm is now Malcomson & Higginbotham.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS ARCHITECTS: Walter E. Lentz, Aug. 15; Lancelot Sukert, Aug. 18; Branson Gamber, Aug. 19; William E. Kapp, Aug. 20.

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Bennett and Straight, 13526 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, OR. 7750.—Taking bids on modernizing theatre. New front, interior, wiring system, owner and location withheld. \$15,000.

Same.—Preparing plans for kitchen addition to beer garden, Hamilton between Seward and Virginia Park.

DesRosiers, Arthur, 1414 Macabees Bldg., CO. 2178.—Taking revised figures on Philip Neri School, Charlevoix and Lenox.

Diehl, George F., 120 Madison Ave., CH. 7660.—Parochial School addition, Belmont between Woodward and John R. Following contracts have been let: Mueth Iron Works, stairs; Concrete Steel Fireproofing Co., Steel Joists and Miscellaneous Iron; Central Cut Stone Co., stone; Charles Zine, painting; Detroit Mantel & Tile Co., electric fixtures; T. J. O'Toole, electric wiring; Acme Clay Products Co., face brick; R. L. McBraithy, plumbing and heating; Forest-Van Dyke Roofing Co., roofing and sheet metal; Nagel Plastering Co., plastering; Hurd Lumber Co., lumber and millwork; Venetian Marble Mosaic & Tile Co., terrazzo.

Dise, J. Ivan, 2631 Woodward, CA. 4789.—Brossy Bldg. Bids in—no contracts let as yet.

Same.—Sketches on Post Office Bldg. Still in Washington.

Harley & Ellington, 1507 Stroh Bldg., RA. 9030.—Stroh Brewing Co. 5 story fire proof structural steel and masonry stock house. 2 basements, glass enamel steel tanks, refrigeration and insulation. Size 120'x100'. Taking bids on structural steel.

Herman, Aloys Frank, 710 Owen Bldg., RA. 8788.—St. Joseph's Church, Tiffin, Ohio. Seats 900. All contracts placed with Tiffin, Ohio firms. Plans ready about August 15th.

Hyde, Arthur K., 318 Woodward-Boulevard Bldg., MA. 1522.—Theatre, Grand River and Fullerton. General contract let to Adler Contracting Co.

Kahn, Albert, Inc., MA. 7200.—Taking bids on electrical work and industrial piping on addition to

machine shop at plant of Chevrolet Motor Co.

Same.—Preparing plans for Detroit Parcel Post Bldg., ready Aug. 15.

Lane-Davenport, Inc., 609 Donovan Bldg., CH. 6747.—Gale.n High School. 2 story brick, stone, steel construction. 120 x 95. 12 rooms, auditorium and gymnasium. Ell shaped building. Plans ready in about 30 days.

Marr, Richard, 415 Brainard, TE. 1-6860.—Residence at Holly, Mich. 28' x 55'. 8 rooms, brick, shingle roof, steam heat, electric refrigeration. Preparing plans.

Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 30' x 70'. 10 rooms. Frame construction, no basement. Elec-

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Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 50 x 65, 1½ stories. Plans in progress.

Mueller, G. A., 1346 Broadway, RA. 3763.—American Malt Co. Foundation plans, reinforced brick construction. Capacity is 1,000,000 bu. per year. Can be increased to 1,750,000 bu. per year. Preparing plans.

Same.—Voight Brewing Co. New brew house, 4 stories, steel and brick construction. Bids closed Aug. 9.

Phelps, Charles L., 829 Detroit Savings Bank Bldg., CA. 0306.—Alterations to Detroit Savings Bank Branch Office at Woodward and Brady. Sibe 26' x 115'. 3 stories. Stone, steel, reinforced concrete, floor slabs, brick, hollow tile, steel and marble. Patrons of the Detroit Savings Bank are invited to bid.

Rosetti, Louis, 606 Marquette Bldg., CA. 3353.—Residence 42 x 32, two story and basement, 7 room. Electric refrigeration, electric stoves, air conditioning heating plant. Owner taking bids by invitation only.

Wright, D. Allen, 133 West Grand Blvd., LA. 4572.—Residence in Bloomfield Hills, U shaped. Size 110' x 50'. Solid masonry, all partitions masonry, all floors reinforced concrete, tile roof, electric refrigeration, electric stove and air conditioned heating system. Preparing plans.

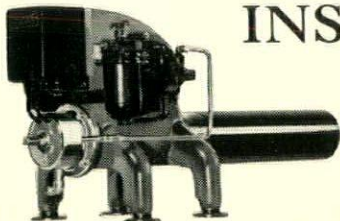
Wright, Frank, 16190 Normandy, UN. 2-6085.—Extensive alterations to residence, Flint, Michigan. Preparing plans.

PROBLEMS BEFORE THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

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Treasury Department order be interpreted as liberally as possible with respect to the architects. However, the President did not rescind or modify the order and the Treasury Department is now beginning to function under it.

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It is understood that the Procurement Division will offer appointments as "Associate Architects" to men originally under favorable consideration for specific commissions—on condition that they come to Washington, take a temporary place on the staff of the Division, and accept a monthly salary. This procedure either takes advantage of a financially distressed group of professional men; or, if they retain their self-respect, it disbars them from participation in that part of the recovery program coming under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department. Either course is an unjust discrimination not merited by the facts or the record.

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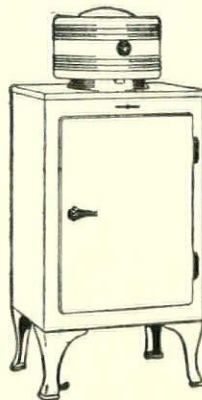
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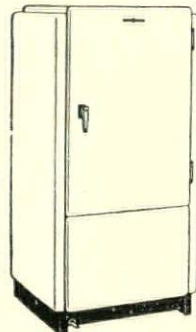
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THE CITY PLAN

By HERBERT G. WENZELL

The City Plan is peculiarly the problem of the architectural profession. While it may be the subject of specialization, it is basically architectural and should be the concern of the architect as the background and setting of building.

The Detroit City Plan is or has been the "baby" of the Detroit Chapter. The "baby" is an orphan, it suffers from malnutrition and unless it is given attention it will be just another memory.

In retrospect, our City Plan has been the subject of more dreaming and less hope of realization than anything I know of. It has been touched upon at various points—art center, water-front development, civic center zoning, Wider Woodward and now slum clearance and rehabilitation. Yet never has the problem been approached in a comprehensive way to affect coordination. The Detroit Chapter has made sporadic efforts to enlist general interest in one or another of these phases, but with little or no concrete results in the form of definite, understandable presentation. Most of these efforts

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must be considered then, as impractical and as far as results are concerned futile. Yet city and regional planning is the greatest issue in American municipalities today and progress toward solution is slow and painful.

Municipal government being as it is—cumbersome and unwieldy—there is little possibility of direct action through its agencies. Education and publicity are needed and before any campaign is begun, money is necessary for coherent, authoritative plans and convincing publicity. Money is the root, branches, stems, blossoms, the whole tree which bears the fruit. Without money all is pleasant vapping and futile imagining.

The problem, primarily, is to obtain the money and the man to serve as Wacker did in Chicago. It is interesting to note in connection with the Chicago plan that the Commercial Club of that city contributed \$300,000 for plans and publicity while the city government spent \$170,000, none of which was for education or publicity. Up till 1917 the Chicago City Plan had resulted in \$170,000,000

of new construction and improvement. Since that date another \$300,000,000 would perhaps be a conservative estimate. Actually the Chicago Plan was the result of money donated by 100 businessmen. One of the leaders was Daniel H. Burnham who "dreamed no little dreams." He was an architect who saw the future of a great city.

It is useless then to consider such a problem as the comprehensive "City Plan" unless the money is in prospect. In Detroit it will require money to disabuse some of the ideas that city planning implies the "City Beautiful"—something having to do primarily with buildings and their settings. It will require money to show that city and regional planning has to do with the prosperity, health, and future growth of the city, and that it is not primarily a matter of highways and transit. While it may not prove necessary to "destroy Carthage" as one city planner believes, it will require money even now to prove to opposing forces that selfish interests stand indicted, if not convicted. In 1918 president Medury of the Institute called attention to a prophecy which is being fulfilled today with respect to the short-sighted interests. It is just possible that "decentralization" carries with it the thought of release from such.

While "Low-Cost Housing" has been the subject of study by specialists in this country since the war, it has not usually been in relation to the major problem of rehabilitation as in Europe. There, where political upheavals and socialistic tendencies are pronounced, direct government subsidy could be depended upon. In our country this could not be the case, except as under the present program to a limited extent. It is, therefore, as was to be expected, a slow process, and as Mr. Cordner stated in a recent issue of the "Bulletin," cannot be considered a "stop-gap" in the recovery program. It seems also altogether probable that the relation of these rehabilitation projects to the larger problem of regional planning is weighing somewhat in the protracted deliberations and shifting opinions and influences. Without a general, comprehensive plan it would seem, at least to the

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And With the Tigers Winning

One thing which made it hard to play golf at Tam O'Shanter on Tuesday was that the Tigers were winning two games in New York. Whenever anyone approached within half a mile of anyone who had been to the clubhouse, there was vocal transmission of the score. But at that some pretty records were made by the fifty golfers who participated in the play of the fourth outing for this season.

Larry Hume of Peerless Portland Cement carried off in good style the honors of the day. He won the big cup with low net of 65 (the cup is won on low net). But he did more than that—he brought in the low gross score for the afternoon—shooting an even eightv.

At the dinner which was attended by forty-five, the cup was presented to Larry, and for the first time to the best of our knowledge it is in the hands of the company which donated it years ago when John Gillespie was president of Peerless.

Drawing of prizes by flights resulted as follows:
FIRST FLIGHT—First Prize, E. Edge; Second Prize, G. Jensen; Third Prize, Dick Norton.

SECOND FLIGHT—First Prize; John Moynahan; Second Prize, Herman Banbrook; Third Prize, H. G. Fullford.

THIRD FLIGHT—First Prize, A. Dohman; Second Prize, A. G. Ofenstein; Third Prize, W. J. Rettenmier.

Secondary drawings resulted in each of the following men getting one golf ball donated by the T. B. Rayl Company:

G. M. McElroy, Ed. Booth, Geo. Emery, Larry Hume, Jim Hemstreet, Tom Murray, Bill Seeley, C. Peterson, H. J. St. Clair.

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A. Wheaton	103
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J. E. Paul Taylor, Insurance	109
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One of the climaxes of the evening developed when it was announced that the next outing will be at Brooklands, the home course of Jess Stoddard. It is going to be the "Jess Stoddard outing." Jess is one of the most consistent boosters for the Builders' and Traders' Exchange. Due to his position as vice president and treasurer of the Detroit Testing Laboratory, Jess is a member of many organizations outside the building industry. Their business takes in the whole gamut of metallurgy and chemistry. But Jess never misses a function of the Builders' and Traders'. He has been president of the organization twice and has served at least twice on practically every one of its committees. Jess likes his golf game and he should be honored by a record breaking crowd at the next outing which will occur at Brooklands the second Tuesday in September.

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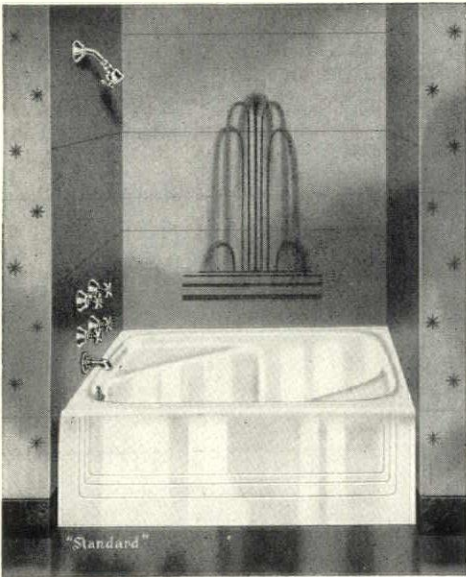
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One explanation is released each week until the entire set has been published. These are coming direct from the CONSTRUCTION CODE AUTHORITY at Washington, D. C.

We suggest that you file these copies of the Bulletin as you receive them in order to have a complete reference for the future.

A General Contractor bidding a job in competition without requesting or receiving sub-bids may, after receiving the award, proceed on the basis of Article VII and request and receive bids on the line or lines of work on which he had not previously invited or received sub-bids.

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DesRosiers, Arthur, 1414 Macabees Bldg., CO. 2178.—Taking revised figures on Philip Neri School, Charlevoix and Lenox.

Dise, J. Ivan, 2631 Woodward, CA. 4789.—Brossy Bldg. Bids in—no contracts let as yet.

Same.—Sketches on Post Office Bldg. Still in Washington.

Donaldson & Meir, 1601 Washington Blvd. Bldg., RA. 1446.—Bids on addition to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital due Aug. 16.

Harley & Ellington, 1507 Stroh Bldg., RA. 9030.—Stroh Brewing Co. 5 story fire proof structural steel and masonry stock house. 2 basements, glass enamel steel tanks, refrigeration and insulation. Size 120'x100'. Bids later.

Herman, Aloys Frank, 710 Owen Bldg., RA. 8788.—St. Joseph's Church, Tiffin, Ohio. Seats 900. All contracts placed with Tiffin, Ohio firms. Bids ready about August 20th.

Kahn, Albert, Inc., MA. 7200.—Preparing plans for Detroit Parcel Post Bldg., ready Aug. 20.

Same.—Electrical work on machine shop of Chevrolet Motor Co., let to J. Livingstone Co.

Same.—Bids on addition to mezzanine for Peoples Outfitting Co. closed Aug. 18th.

Lane-Davenport, Inc., 609 Donovan Bldg., CH. 6747.—Galein High School. 2 story brick, stone, steel construction. 120 x 95. 12 rooms, auditorium and gymnasium. Ell shaped building. Plans ready in about 30 days.

Marr, Richard, 415 Brainard, TE. 1-6860.—Residence at Holly, Mich. 28' x 55'. 8 rooms, brick, shingle roof, steam heat, electric refrigeration. Not taking bids locally.

Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 30' x 70'. 10 rooms. Frame construction, no basement. Electric refrigeration, electric stove, no heating. Taking figures. Bids taken in Florida.

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Mildner & Eisen, RA. 0828.—Preparing plans on small store building, Holbrook and Grand Trunk R. R. 20x31.

Mueller, G. A., 1346 Broadway, RA. 3763.—American Malt Co. Foundation plans, reinforced brick construction. Capacity is 1,000,000 bu. per year.

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Phelps, Charles L., 829 Detroit Savings Bank Bldg., CA. 0306.—Alterations to Detroit Savings Bank Branch Office at Woodward and Brady. Sibe 26' x 115'. 3 stories. Stone, steel, reinforced concrete, floor slabs, brick, hollow tile, steel and marble. Bids due Aug. 21.

Rossetti, Louis, 606 Marquette Bldg., CA. 3353.—Residence 42 x 32, two story and basement, 7 room. Electric refrigeration, electric stoves, air conditioning heating plant. Owner taking bids by invitation only.

Schley, Cyril, 1123 Lafayette Bldg., CA. 8499.—Sketches for residence in Bloomfield Hills.

Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, 809 Marquette Bldg., RA. 8825.—G. E. Service Portion, McDougall and Jefferson. Contract let to A. Albright co. Mechanical contract let to Glanz & Killian.

Wright, D. Allen, 133 West Grand Blvd., LA. 4572.—Residence in Bloomfield Hills, U shaped. Size 110' x 50'. Solid masonry, all partitions masonry, all floors reinforced concrete, tile roof, electric refrigeration, electric stove and air conditioned heating system. Preparing plans.

Wright, Frank, 16190 Normandy, UN. 2-6085.—Extensive alterations to residence, Flint, Michigan. Preparing plans.

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DON'T MISS THIS

The Ann Arbor Society of Architects have invited all members of the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. and the Michigan Society of Architects to attend a stag party which will be held in September.

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The formal acceptance of this generous invitation depends upon the response received by our members during the next week. Officers of the Detroit organizations do not wish to accept and then find that only a corporal's guard are able to attend.

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More details as to exact time will appear later. Transportation from Ann Arbor to the Country Club, for those not driving, will be provided by the A. A. Society of Architects.

THE CITY PLAN

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uninitiated, that a slum clearance project becomes immediately a problem of adjustment to something indefinite and unpredictable. Certainly, certain suppositions can be made but, as in the case of Woodward Avenue, they may remain suppositions for many years. On the other hand with the basis of a comprehensive City Plan, a reasonably certain statement can be made as to possibilities.

Howbeit, with the slum project underway, there is no alternative apparently but to adjust the City Plan to this program, although it bears reference to the illogical methods of putting "the cart before the horse." Again, in view of the shifting sentiment as to the future growth of our cities such a method may be desirable.

I am certain, however, that in some form, a comprehensive city and regional plan for Detroit must be gotten under way in the near future. Every consideration demands it. Our waterfront is

condemning itself; Woodward Avenue is blighted; Grand River Avenue, without parallels, is in endless congestion hampering suburban development in that direction; large areas outside the Boulevard are depreciating rapidly; transportation will be an increasingly difficult problem; enormous areas of real estate developments with the city, served by utilities, with paved streets, schools and fire protection, are waste land waiting for subsistence homestead planning; boulevards and superhighways circling the city require maintenance, over many miles within the county; the imminently possible reduction in population of many thousands. These and many other problems of a similar nature are the concern of the City government.

It will be interesting to observe how these problems will be solved without control, and a city plan means control in the hands of the city.

Efforts to come under the Administration's programs on this project have been made during the past eighteen months. First as a relief measure by authority of the city government. Later the Allied Architects and Engineers, through the untiring efforts of its committee, had received an allocation of \$50,000 under the P. W. A. "set-up." This was abandoned and the City Plan Commission then proposed the "City Plan" as a project under the C. W. A. The proposal did not pass the Public Works Department, and the men on work relief were employed on housing studies carried on under direction of the Plan Commission. It is hoped now that with further appropriations these studies can be extended to include the city and regional plan under competent and expert direction.

It is to be hoped that the "New Deal" with its insistence in the past of "advance planning" will revive that idea, provide the incentive and pave the way for a practical solution of our "City Plan."

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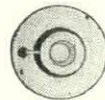
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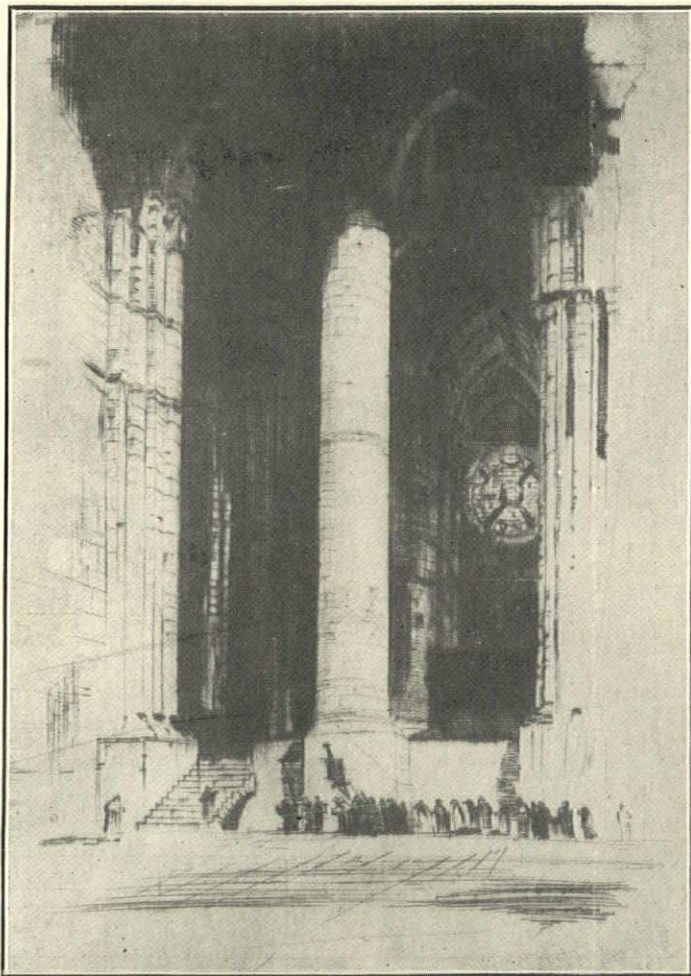
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A NEW USE FOR A NEW METAL

Andrew W. Mellon, who owns the finest individual art collection in the world, recently paid the Russian government \$1,500,000 for a single painting. This was the sum reported.

It is an interesting news item, surely, and it may or may not have some connection with the following experience which has to do with "art" and the Aluminum Co. of America.

Last April after having dabbled with etching for a few months I had about come to the conclusion that this was, perhaps, a rather expensive hobby—expensive at least for an architect whose prospects seem dubious. The element of expense is largely in the plate, and prolific novice can spoil quite a number in his eagerness to get results. It occurred to me that aluminum, being light should also be quite inexpensive—no doubt of it—but the commercial plate was out of the question.

The matter was brought to the attention of Mr. Paul Marshall who is always desirous of being helpful. In this matter he seemed to be especially anxious to do something—indeed he seemed quite interested. That was in April. May and June passed and Marshall still had nothing to report except "just wait." I waited until August 7 when I was rewarded. For there was laid before me, a soft, gleaming, silvery toned plate with the texture of fine silk.

Now I could only believe, at the time, that my problem had been put before the metallurgists of the Aluminum Co. of America and that in these months they had bent every effort toward perfecting

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The Law Behind Codes

With all the talk rampant about codes and their possibilities, it is perhaps well to refresh our minds about the law which makes codes possible.

The "National Industrial Recovery Act" was passed by the Congress of the United States in June, 1933. Its purpose—"To encourage national industrial recovery, to foster fair competition, and to provide for the construction of certain useful public works, and for other purposes."

The part referring to construction of useful public works is "Title 2" and title two will not be discussed in this article as it does not apply to the subject of this article.

Expiration—Sec. 2 of Title 1, paragraph c—"This title shall cease to be in effect and any agencies established hereunder shall cease to exist at the expiration of two years after the date of enactment of this act."

This means that between now and June of next year, Congress must either act to extend the functions of NRA or it will automatically cease and all its machinery be scrapped. This means further that at the next session of Congress the whole of NRA will be milled over. From past actions of the administration, we can take it that before Congress convenes, the administration will give NRA a strict going over. That is in the air right now and above you have a real reason.

One part of the act provides that the President of the United States could act to license businesses in any industry under certain conditions. That power was granted for only one year and was not renewed upon its expiration in June this year.

Violations and Penalties—After the President has approved a code, the provisions of that code shall be the standards of fair competition for that industry. "Any violation of such standards in any transaction in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce shall be deemed an unfair method of competition in commerce within the meaning of the Federal Trade Commission Act. . . ."

The above quotation from Title 1, Sec. 3, par. B is of tremendous significance. It is to be taken in connection with paragraph "f" of the same section which reads, "When a code of fair competition has been approved or prescribed by the President under this title, any violation of any provision thereof in any transaction in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce shall be a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof an offender shall be fined not more than \$500 for each offense, and each day such

violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense."

Note that violations and penalties are limited to cases affecting interstate or foreign commerce.

District Courts—The only reference in the law to jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations is paragraph "c" of Sec. 3 of Title 1. This section reads as follows—"The several district courts of the United States are hereby invested with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of any code of fair competition approved under this title; and it shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of the United States, in their respective districts, under the direction of the Attorney General, to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain such violations."

Summing up these basic principles of the law upon which all of our code machinery is founded, we find that the actual base upon which it all rests is not broad or enduring. Its life for licensing of business has already ended. The whole thing has to be given new life as of June next year or it will cease. Its penalties for non observance are limited to cases affecting interstate or foreign commerce. It is quite wonderful what business and government acting as partners have built up on this narrow base.

Of course many other things are touched upon under this title, the most significant not mentioned being the famous Section 7 paragraph "a" which states that every code must contain the following conditions—"That employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and shall be free from the interference, restraint, or coercion of employers of labor, or their agents, in the designation of such representatives. . . ." etc., which clause in the law has caused an immense volume of jitters in several industries as well it might.

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Where separate figures are taken, the Architect, Engineer, or Awarding Authority automatically becomes the general contractor, and is subject to all the requirements of the Code for that division, including the registration of all general work of a total value of \$2000.00 or over, and payment of the fee of 1-10 of 1%.

If the Architect, Engineer, or Awarding Authority does work with day labor in any trade, he is immediately subject to all rules and regulations of the Code for that particular branch of the Industry.

Entirely separate from the Code but for the protection of the Awarding Authority, if he does work with his own forces, he should obtain compensation and public liability insurance. Otherwise he is liable for common law judgements in case of accident.

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Reversing the usual problems of a program committee which almost always is in a great stew to obtain speakers of the first rank, Detroit has been invited to listen to an international group of persons all of whom stand at the top of their respective fields in the low cost housing movement.

Early in the morning of Labor Day, Sept. 3, there will arrive from Cleveland by lake steamer Sir Raymond Unwin and Miss A. Samuels of England, Ernest Kahn of Germany, and Henry Wright and Ernest Bohn of New York City and Cleveland respectively. They are making a leisurely trip to the main housing centers of this country under the auspices of the National Association of Housing Officials for the purpose of enlightening us from their experience on various matters pertaining to City Planning and Housing.

They will be here three days, the first of which will be devoted to recreation and sight seeing because of the holiday. The sessions will take the form of discussions rather than speeches and while leaders will start the talks off, others interested may join in. They are anxious to answer our questions and with the exception of the single evening meeting and the luncheon, all meetings will be open for discussion.

Tuesday morning will be devoted to newspaper interviews and conferences not for the public. The Tuesday noon luncheon at the Book Cadillac is the initial public appearance to which all are invited. In the afternoon at the Book Cadillac, with Dr. S. James Herman presiding and Prof. Harlow Whittemore as Chairman, Henry Wright will talk about Site Planning in relation to City Planning.

At 8:15 Tuesday evening in the small lecture hall of the Art Institute with Walter H. Blucher presiding and Judge Robert M. Toms as chairman, Sir Raymond Unwin, Miss A. Samuels and Ernest Kahn will make separate talks of a popular nature.

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A detailed program will be published in the next issue of the Weekly Bulletin.

SOME DETROITERS IN THE "NEW DEAL"

LENT D. UPSON: Director of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research; in charge of the tax delinquency survey of the Department of Commerce which was described in a recent issue of "The Planner"; now appointed to make a survey of relief needs for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

PERRY A. FELLOWS: Former City Engineer and Manager of the City Airport. Appointed Assistant Chief Engineer, Federal Emergency Relief Administration; now Administrative Assistant to Harry Hopkins of the same Administration.

TRACY B. AUGUR: Town Planner; formerly Consultant on Community Planning to the Detroit City Plan Commission; now in charge of Regional and Town Planning, Tennessee Valley Authority.

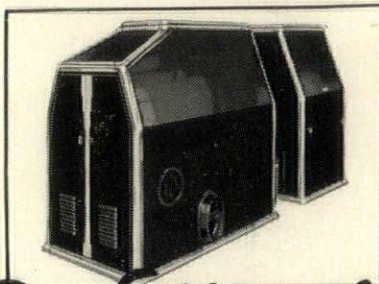
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In order that bids received from the Construction Industry may be valid, we recommend that all requests for bids contain the following information:

- (a) A definite hour and place for the receipt of bids.
- (b) On NRA Compliance Clause.
- (c) A uniform bidding blank
- (d) A Depository clause included in notice to bidders and/or in proposal blanks.

These clauses are explained below:

Bids (a)

Members of the Construction Industry cannot bid in competition unless a definite hour and place for receipt of bids are given. Bids from general or separate contractors shall be delivered to Architects, Engineers, or Awarding Authorities not later than the hour set for receipt of such bids.

Bids from subcontractors shall be delivered to general contractors at least 24 hours prior to the time set for the receipt of general contractors' bids by the Awarding Authority.

If an extension of time for receipt of bids becomes necessary, the contractors bidding to the Architect, Engineer, or Awarding Authority should be notified before the closing time, and any bids received should be returned unopened.

Where preliminary cost information is desired, it shall be given and received definitely as preliminary information and not in the form of a proposal or bid.

It is suggested that the hour for receipt of bids be not earlier than 1:00 P. M. Because of the 24-hour provision on subcontractors' bids, it is also suggested that closing date should not be on Monday.

NRA Compliance Clause (b)

While the Code of Fair Competition for the Construction Industry applies to everyone defined as a member of the Industry, the inclusion of a clause requiring compliance with the Code will be a legal protection to the Architect, Engineer, or Awarding Authority, as well as an avoidance of trouble through receipt of irregular bids arising from non-compliance of bidders.

The following is suggested as the Compliance Clause: "All Contractors shall comply with all conditions and terms of the Code of Fair Competition for the Construction Industry, and the Divisional chapters under which they operate."

Uniform Bidding Blank (c)

The Codes require that members of the Con-

struction Industry bid only on definite, uniform information. An uninvited alternate may require the withdrawal by the contractor of his base bid. A definite bidding blank or form will insure the receipt of proper bids.

Depository Clause (d)

For Inclusion in Notice to Bidders:

"Attention is called to the depositing of duplicate bids in those trades and territories having established Bid Depositories, as required by the Code of Fair Competition for the Construction Industry."

For Inclusion in Proposal Blanks:

"A duplicate of this bid has been deposited as required by the Code of Fair Competition for the Construction Industry."

The use of both suggested clauses, in their respective documents, is recommended. However, if but one is desired, the second (for Proposal Blanks) is favored, as it calls attention of the bidder to the Depository at the time he is making his bid.

Failure of a bidder to file a duplicate in a Bid Depository established under the Code, becomes a violation of the Code by the bidder and may cause withdrawal of the Bid. Sufficient copies of Proposal Blanks should be issued to general contractors to allow a duplicate for the Depository. The same holds true in taking bids on separate contracts in those trades having an established Bid Depository.

Awards and Rebidding

The basic Code requires that an award, if made, shall be made at the bidder's original bid price. Adjustment for changes should be given in detail. Those adjustments can be made only on the basis of the actual value of the changes.

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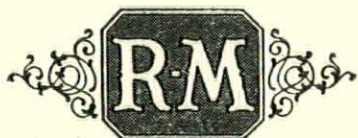
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ARCHITECTS' REPORTS

Bennett and Straight, 13526 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, OR. 7750.—Taking bids on modernizing theatre. New front, interior, wiring system, owner and location withheld. \$15,000.

Confer, Earl L., 18970 Grand River. RE. 2714. Res. Rosedale Park, plans completed Aug. 27, Sub. figures being taken.

De Rosiers Arthur, 1414 Macabees Bldg., CO. 2178. General contract on Philip Neri School, Charlevoix and Lenox, let to Talbot & Meir.

Dise, J. Ivan, 2631 Woodward, CA. 4789.—Brossy Bldg. Bids in—no contracts let as yet.

Same.—Sketches on Post Office Bldg. Still in Washington.

Donaldson & Meir, 1601 Washington Blvd. Bldg., RA. 1446.—Bids on addition to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. Contracts not let yet.

Architects' Luncheon

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Private Dining Room

Southwest Vista

Tuesday, August 28th, 12:30 p. m.

Harley & Ellington, 1507 Stroh Bldg., RA. 9030.—Stroh Brewing Co. 5 story fire proof structural steel and masonry stock house. 2 basements, glass enamel steel tanks, refrigeration and insulation. Size 120'x100'. Bids later.

Herman, Aloys Frank, 710 Owen Bldg., RA. 8788.—St. Joseph's Church, Tiffin, Ohio. Seats 900. All contracts placed with Tiffin, Ohio firms. Bids due Sept. 4.

Herman, Aloys, Frank, 710 Owen Bldg., RA. 877. Preparing sketches for Manresa Retreat, Bloomfield Hills.

Kahn, Albert, Inc., MA. 7200.—Preparing plans for Detroit Parcel Post Bldg., ready later.

Same.—Bids on addition to mezzanine for Peoples Outfitting Co.—no contracts let as yet.

Krecki Norman, 1490 Holden, MA 2980. Garage for Arctic Products Co., 90x120. Bids due Aug. 27.

Lane-Davenport, Inc., 609 Donovan Bldg., CH. 6747.—Galein High School. 2 story brick, stone, steel construction. 120 x 95. 12 rooms, auditorium and gymnasium. Ell shaped building. Plans ready Oct. 1.

Lane Davenport, Inc., 609 Donovan Bldg., CH. 6747. Sketches for Chesaning High School Addition, Chesaning, Michigan.

Sketches for Stoner School, Lansing, Michigan.

Lewis, I. M., Inc., 816 Ford Bldg., RA. 4724. Completed plans on store 60x100, located on Gd. River bet. Oakman Blvd. and P. M. R. R. Brick and concrete, Macotta trim. Owner Royal Estates, Inc. Bids taken by Mr. Silberstein 2510 David Stott Bldg.

Marr, Richard, 415 Brainard, TE. 1-6860.—Residence at Holly, Mich. 28' x 55'. 8 rooms, brick, shingle roof, steam heat, electric refrigeration. No contracts let as yet.

Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 30' x 70'. 10 rooms. Frame construction, no basement. Electric refrigeration electric stove, no heating. No contracts let as yet.

Same.—Residence at Naples, Florida. 50 x 65, 1½ stories. No contracts let as yet.

Mildner & Eisen, RA. 0828.—Preparing plans on small store building, Holbrook and Grand Trunk R. R. 20x31. Owner out of city.

Mueller, G. A., 1346 Broadway, RA. 3763.—American Malt Co. Contract let to Terry Nadell.

Same.—Voight Brewing Co. Contract let to Stibbard Const. Co.

Phelps, Charles L., 829 Detroit Savings Bank Bldg., CA. 0306.—Alterations to Detroit Savings Bank Branch Office at Woodward and Brady. Sibe 26' x 115'. 3 stories. Stone, steel, reinforced concrete, floor slabs, brick, hollow tile, steel and marble. Bids closed.

Rossetti, Louis, 606 Marquette Bldg., CA. 3353.—Residence 42 x 32, two story and basement, 7 room. Electric refrigeration, electric stoves, air conditioning heating plant. Owner taking bids by invitation only.

Schley, Cyril, CA. 8499, 1123 Lafayette Bldg. Plans completed for Federal Screw Works, Martin South of Michigan.

Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, 809 Marquette Bldg., RA. 8825. McDougall and Jefferson. Contract let to A. Albright Co.

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Stahl & Co., 628 McKerchey Bldg., CA. 5818. Alteration and addition to Delray General Hospital, Gen'l Con. let to Thos. Z. Humphries. Fire proof stairway.

Tilds, Paul, 602 Hoffman Bldg., CA 2610. Prep. sketches for brewery, 135,000 bbls. per yr.

Wright, D. Allen, 133 West Grand Blvd., LA. 4572.—Residence in Bloomfield Hills, U shaped. Size 110' x 50'. Solid masonry, all partitions masonry, all floors reinforced concrete, tile roof, electric refrigeration, electric stove and air conditioned heating system. Preparing plans.

Wright, Frank, 16190 Normandy, UN. 2-6085.—residence, Flint, Michigan. Genl contract let to Wm. Tower, Flint.

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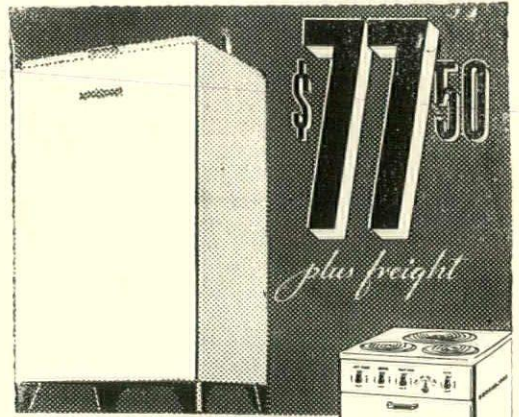
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perfect plate for drypoint etching. In no other way could I account for the air of mystery surrounding the matter.

In many ways it undoubtedly is the perfect plate for drypoint. It is light and the surface has a fine texture with a "tooth" which takes the pencil line perfectly. Again the plate when heated does not bend in the press as does zinc. After twelve impressions the light lines had not failed although the "burr" of the heavy lines had entirely disappeared.

The process of preparing this plate is not entirely clear to me. I am told however that it is especially rolled, and a film, much harder than the plate and known as Anodic Coating, is deposited thereon, becoming integral with the plate itself. Various degrees of hardness can be obtained in this film coating. The plate presented to me was the so-called one-cycle which is relatively soft and easy to work. According to a Pittsburg architect, who has had considerable experience in drypoint, a one-cycle plate should give as many as 75 satisfactory prints while from a two-cycle plate more than 500 copies have been printed.

I was very anxious to try this 7x10 plate at once and therefore, instead of attempting a composition of my own, I elected to make a copy of a drypoint by Louis Rosenberg which I found reproduced in Pencil Points. It had the luminous blacks which are difficult to reproduce in drypoint. Not a success, it is however reproduced here to show what may be done on this very excellent plate by an amateur.

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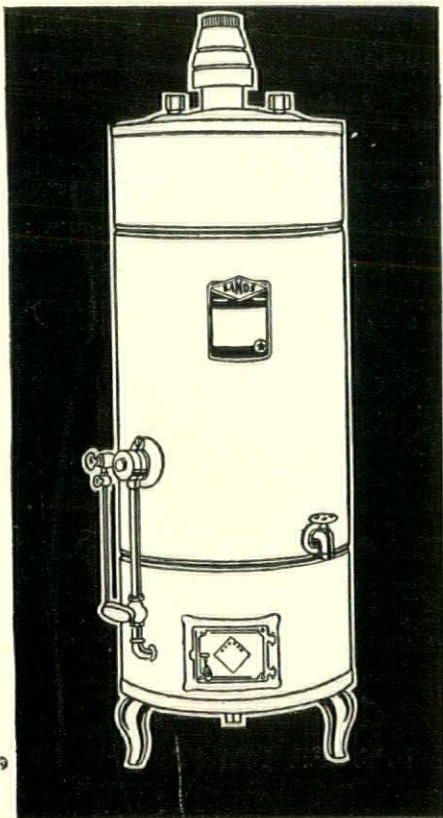
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